

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BERLIN 05610 281713Z
ACTION AGRE-00

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 EB-08 COME-00 /021 W
-----127070 281715Z /47

P 281802Z AUG 78
FM AMEMBASSY BERLIN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8078
INFO AMEMBASSY ROME

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BERLIN 05610

PASS AGRICULTURE ELECTRICALLY FOR MANNION, D, L&P DIV;
EULER, AGATTS; AND APHIS VET SVCS

ROME FOR COSTIGAN, APHIS

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAGR, GE
SUBJECT: HEAVY LOSSES REPORTED IN U.S. ANIMAL SHIPMENT
- TO GDR

REF: A. TOFAS 11, B. BERLIN 5543.

1. AGATT CALLED NAHRUNG VETERINARY OFFICERS MONDAY MORNING (AUGUST 28) CONCERNING ARRIVAL OF AIR SHIPMENT OF 129 HOLSTEIN-FRIESIAN HEIFERS AND 30 BOARS FROM UNITED STATES. NAHRUNG REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: PROPELLER-TYPE AIRCRAFT ARRIVED SCHOENEFELD AT 1230 SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 15 HOURS AFTER SCHEDULED ARRIVAL TIME OF 2109 SATURDAY EVENING. OF 129 CATTLE ON BOARD, 77 WERE DEAD; OF 30 SWINE, 20 WERE DEAD. AN INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY, BUT INITIAL IMPRESSION OF NAHRUNG IS THAT PLANE WAS TOO SMALL FOR NUMBER OF ANIMALS ON BOARD AND CAUSE OF LOSSES WAS POOR AIR CIRCULATION. A TELEGRAM HAD BEEN SENT BY NAHRUNG TO CONRAD LUTZ OF THE AMERICAN MARKETING SERVICES IN BRUSSELS TO ADVISE HIM OF THIS.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BERLIN 05610 281713Z

2. AGATT CONTACTED LUTZ AT BRUSSELS, WHO STATED THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM AMS REPRESENTATIVE ACCOMPANYING THE SHIPMENT THAT A NUMBER OF ANIMALS HAD ALREADY DIED UPON ARRIVAL AT NEWFOUNDLAND. THIS SUGGESTED TO LUTZ THAT PROBLEM WAS PERHAPS RELATED TO POSSIBLE FAILURE OF OXYGEN CONTROLS IN THE PLANE OR PERHAPS RELATED TO EXCESSIVE HEAT IN THE AIR-

PORT AT THE TIME OF LOADING. LUTZ ADDED THAT FEDERAL INSPECTION PRECLUDED THE POSSIBILITY OF OVER-LOADING ANIMALS FOR OVERSEAS SHIPMENT. LUTZ ADDED THAT HE HOPED THAT INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT WOULD PERMIT PROMPT REPLACEMENT OF THE ANIMALS.

3. AGATT HAD TELEPHONED NAHRUNG ON AUGUST 24 AND REQUESTED PERMISSION TO BE ON HAND AT SCHOENEFELD TO MEET PLANE UPON ARRIVAL. HE WAS TOLD THAT FREIGHT AREA WAS CONSIDERED "BORDER AREA," AND IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO MEET PLANE. AGATT REQUESTED THAT, IN CASE OF DIFFICULTY, HE BE CALLED DIRECTLY AT HOME OR THROUGH THE EMBASSY. SIMILARLY, LUTZ OF AMS SAID HE WAS REFUSED PERMISSION TO MEET PLANE AND REPRESENTATIVE OF INSURING COMPANY WAS ALSO REFUSED PERMISSION. LUTZ ADVISED US THAT INSURER HAD GRANTED "WAIVER" OF ITS USUAL PROCEDURE TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVE ON HAND AT ARRIVAL OF ANIMAL SHIPMENTS.

4. AT AMBASSADOR'S MEETING (REPORTED SEPTEL) WITH MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE KUHRIG ON AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 28, MINISTER BROUGHT UP SUBJECT OF SHIPMENT. HE EXPRESSED HIS REGRETS OVER THE FAILURE OF THE SHIPMENT AND SAID HE WAS VERY UNHAPPY ABOUT THIS DEVELOPMENT SINCE AGMIN HAD ALREADY ARRANGED WITH ANIMAL BREEDERS FOR DELIVERY OF BREEDING STOCK. HE SUGGESTED THAT GREATER SECURITY PRECAUTIONS SHOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN. AGATT INDICATED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 BERLIN 05610 281713Z

PROBLEM PROBABLY CAUSED BY REASONS REPORTED IN PARAGRAPH 2 AND ADDED THAT HE HOPED REPLACEMENT ANIMALS COULD BE DELIVERED. MINISTER KUHRIG STATED THAT EVEN IF THIS WERE DONE THE DELAY WOULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT PLANS OF ANIMAL BREEDERS IN GDR.

5. COMMENT: THIS IS PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE DEVELOPMENT THAT WILL CERTAINLY NOT CONTRIBUTE TO GROWTH OF MARKET IN GDR FOR U.S. CATTLE, ALTHOUGH OUR EXPECTATION IS THAT GDR PLANS FOR IMPROVING ITS DAIRY PERFORMANCE WILL REQUIRE IMPORTATION OF TOP-QUALITY DAIRY CATTLE FOR MANY YEARS.

6. WHILE WE WILL CAREFULLY AVOID POSITION OF MEDIATING THIS AFFAIR, WE WILL REPORT ADDITIONAL DETAILS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. END COMMENT. BOLEN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ANIMALS, AIR TRANSPORTATION, DEATHS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 28 aug 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978BERLIN05610
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780351-0278
Format: TEL
From: BERLIN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780815/aaaaambe.tel
Line Count: 109
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: d011635a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION AGRE
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 BERLIN 5543
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1595290
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: HEAVY LOSSES REPORTED IN U.S. ANIMAL SHIPMENT - TO GDR
TAGS: EAGR, GC
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/d011635a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014